GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Nirmal Gram Puraskar
Reddy Shri Ponguleti Srinivasa

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has discontinued/proposes to discontinue the Nirmal Gram Puraskar after reviewing the efficacy of the scheme and consequent to the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to incentivise State Governments on the basis of their performance towards achieving the goals of SBM;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of panchayats reported to have achieved the status 'open defecation-free panchayats' in the country, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether any target has been set under SBM to make the rural areas open defecation-free and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)
(a) Yes Madam. The Nirmal Gram Puraskar (NGP) has been discontinued.

(b) Yes Madam. The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) guidelines provide for incentivizing States on the basis of their performance.

(c) A World Bank Project to incentivize the States on the basis of certain performance indicators is under consideration. Ministry has issued the guidelines for Open Defecation Free (ODF) verification. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) Module for ODF verification has also developed. States are request to complete the process of ODF verification of all existing ODF villages/GPs and report on IMIS by 31st December, 2015. However, the number of Open Defecation-Free Gram Panchayats as on 30-11-2015 as reported by the States on the IMIS of Ministry is at Annexure-1.

(d) The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) has a goal to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2nd October, 2019.